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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN !

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I (Immigrations board for Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh)

I have been asked to write about my experience with Bhagwan and his Idea. I will do it:

Who am I : I am a Psychiatrist, neurologist and psychotherapist.

I am born in 1924.

More than 25 years I have worked as an official of the government in West-Berlin. At last I had been a Medical Direktor at the B F A (Bundesversicherungsanstalt für Angestellte) in the medical rehabilitation ~~branch~~.

In 1969 and 1970 I had a reward of the WHO in Finland and the Netherlands to study the therapy of alcohol- and drug addicts.

Then I have lead and built up the first alcohol clinic in West - Berlin. Afterwards I have been the Director of a hospital for addicted persons for many years.

After that I worked at the BFA and was responsible on the medical sector for the rehabilitation ^{of employees} in cure hospitals in western Germany in Psychotherapy, Psychiatry, Neurology and addicts.

I am married and have four children.

My son 30 years old studies human medicine in the last term. Some years ago he had been in the Poona ashram of Bhagwan.

My daughter, 21 years old, is since January 1983 in a Bhagwan ashram in Medina near London. She makes there an education in Rajneesh therapy in a one years course.

My youngest daughter, 19 years old, goes sometimes into the Vihan ashram in West Berlin.

So I had to analyse and discuss: who is Bhagwan and what happens there? So I read books of Bhagwan and heard tapes, went into the ashram in Berlin and saw the activities of the sannyassins. It was marvelous and surprising.

My son had been in the Poona ashram only 4 till 6 weeks. He had been afterwards much more effective to do his work and was more adult (ripe He had not become a Sannyasin, but till now he is friendly to this institution and accepted it.

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Since years I am interested in the essence of different religions as Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sufitradition, Islam etc. as a hobby. I believe Bhagvan to be competent. He has the ability of a real spiritual leader. His organization spread over the world. Some of my patients had been in the groups of the ashram with good success.

I am no follower of Bhagvan. But I think, that we need in this world more personalities, as Bhagvan is one, who are able to be a model for the people.

I think it to be good, that he combines the therapy of the modern humanistic psychology with meditation. Only practicing meditation most of the neurotic will stay further in his neurotic habits and hinder his progress. So this combination will bring back people to a deeper religious feeling and better kind of living.

The idea of Oregon, to build up an own town in a desert, is a good beacon.

We should help that.

Horst Welnowsky